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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Frederick P. Hitz
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Input to President's State of the Union
Address

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1. Action Requested: That you approve the attached language for transmittal to the White House for inclusion in the President's State of the Union address.

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2. Background: You have received a memorandum from Presidential assistant Jerry Rafshoon asking for your views and suggestions on matters of concern to the Agency suitable for mention in the President's State of the Union address. This is an excellent opportunity for the President to indicate support for the principles embodied in two legislative proposals of importance to the Intelligence Community which you already have identified to the White House as being Presidential-level initiatives:

--Legislation to provide criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, including the identities of certain intelligence personnel; and

--Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act.

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3. The draft FY 1980 Intelligence Authorization Bill now being circulated within the Agency and the Community contains separate titles addressing these legislative program proposals. Presidential reference to these items outside the context of Charter Legislation would lend considerable impetus to our efforts to secure timely Congressional action.

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4. The attached language:

- Highlights achievements in 1978;
- Underscores the need for continued cooperation between the Intelligence Community and the Congress;
- Makes separate indirect references to Charter Legislation and to our major legislative program initiatives, without committing the President to a definite course of action.

5. Staff Position: The Resource Management Staff and Office of Public Affairs have been consulted in the preparation of the attached language.

6. Recommendation: That you sign the attached memorandum to Jerry Rafshoon transmitting suggested language to the White House.

Fréderrick P. Hitz

Attachment

APPROVED:

ST/dlx (DCI signed memo)
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

DATE:

20 DEC 1978

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Jerry Rafshoon
Assistant to the President for
Communications

SUBJECT: State of the Union Address ☐

STA

1. In response to your recent request for my views and suggestion as to intelligence programs, policies and goals suitable for mention in the President's State of the Union address, I have attached language which:

- Highlights achievements in 1978;
- Underscores the need for continued cooperation between the Intelligence Community and the Congress; and
- Makes indirect reference to major Intelligence Community legislative program initiatives without committing the President to a definite course of action. ☐

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2. Please feel free to consult with me regarding use of this material in the President's address. ☐

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/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Attachment

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Last year, in a cooperative effort on the part of the Executive agencies and the Congress, the first specific annual appropriations authorization for the nation's vital intelligence activities was enacted. This was an important milestone in the development of responsible Congressional oversight. The passage of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which assures the privacy rights of our people while allowing our intelligence agencies to function effectively, was equally significant.

I am confident that there will continue to be a spirit of cooperation on intelligence matters in the 96th Congress. It is essential that there be a supportive attitude on the part of Congress and the American people for our intelligence efforts, and that these efforts be governed by clearly understandable guidelines which are sensible and not unduly restrictive.

It is also important that the security of our intelligence activities be maintained, and in this regard it may be necessary to make some adjustments in the balance between our commitment to openness in government and the need to protect legitimate secrets. Finally, we must move to discourage those who are jeopardizing our ability to gather intelligence by making dangerous unauthorized disclosures about intelligence operations and personnel.

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1. DDCI	18 DEC 1978		[Signature]	Attached for your signature is a memorandum to Assistant to the President Jerry Rafshoon transmitting, in response to his request, suggested language for the President's State of the Union address. RMS and O/PA have been consulted in the preparation of the suggested language.
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